

F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center of Lawrenceville

A Non-Congregate housing center for homeless men





Homeless Intervention: Impact46 via LRC (formed in April 2020)

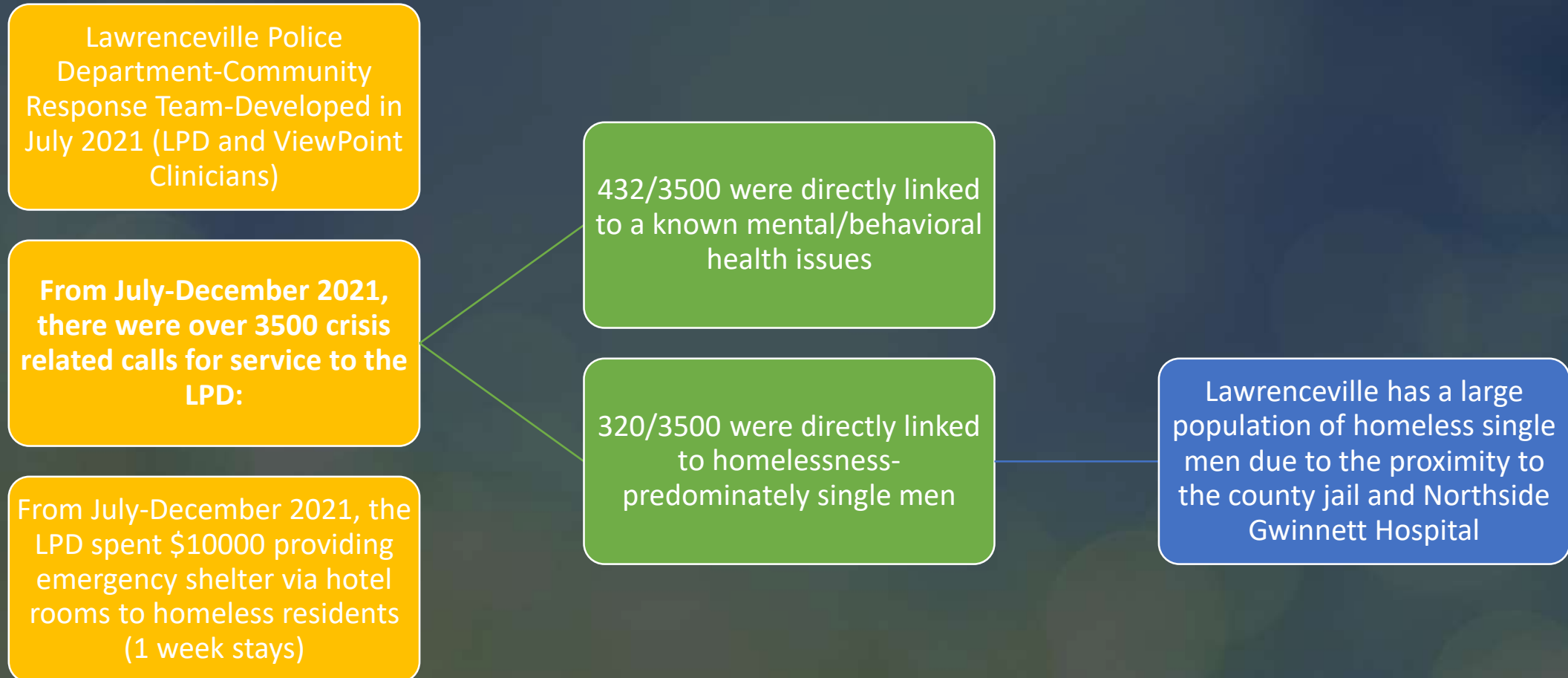
- **The Lawrenceville Response Center spent:**

- \$378,567 on temporary housing vouchers (hotels) and hotel relocation stipends in 2020
- \$95,844.60 on hotel rooms to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless Lawrenceville residents in 2021
- \$381,365.56 on relocation stipends for those living in a local hotel (Metro Relocation- 2021)
 - **83% of households were single and 69% of the households were single men**
 - **53% had a criminal record preventing them from moving into permanent housing**
- \$52,379.76 on hotel rooms to provide temporary housing vouchers and emergency relocation services in 2022
- \$34k on hotel rooms to provide temporary housing vouchers in 2023

- **The Lawrenceville Response Center served: 2022**

- We served 90 residents with 46 of those being children with emergency shelter and transitional housing services; **10/16 served in Q1 of 2022 were single or couples without children**
- We moved 37/95 households living in a hotel into permanent housing
 - 12 HH were single men
- The average length of stay in a hotel with LRC assistance was 8 weeks (male)

Homelessness Intervention: LPD Data



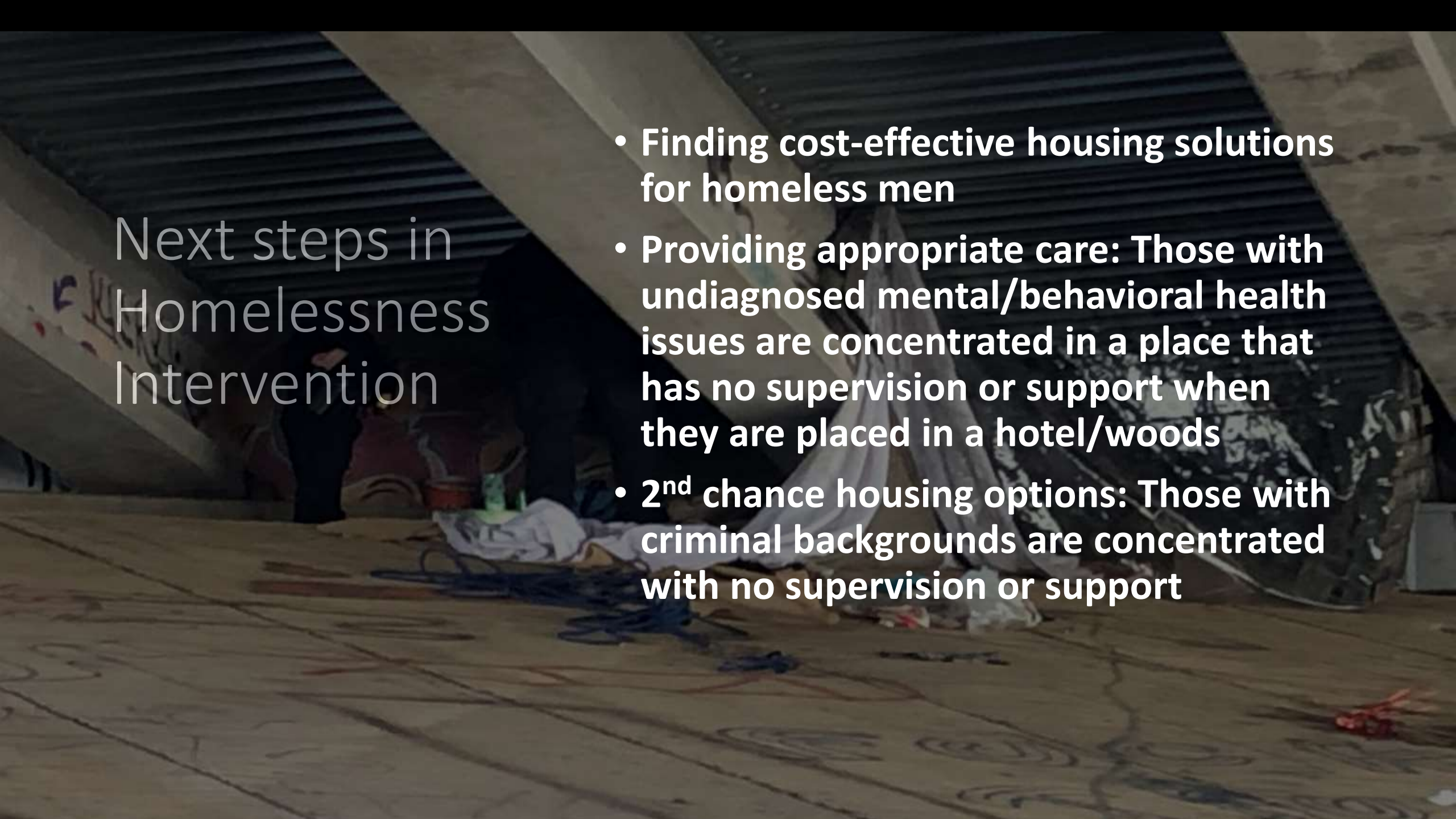
Growing Encampments in Lawrenceville (January 2023)

- Single men
- Undiagnosed mental/behavioral health and substance abuse diagnoses





Homeless encampments in Lawrenceville (January 2023)

A photograph of a homeless shelter under a bridge. The floor is covered with people's belongings, including bags, clothes, and a tent. The background shows the concrete structure of the bridge and some graffiti on the wall.

Next steps in Homelessness Intervention

- Finding cost-effective housing solutions for homeless men
- Providing appropriate care: Those with undiagnosed mental/behavioral health issues are concentrated in a place that has no supervision or support when they are placed in a hotel/woods
- 2nd chance housing options: Those with criminal backgrounds are concentrated with no supervision or support



F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center
(For Intensive Response and Support Transitions)

FIRST Housing Center

Renovated a 1957 10 unit apartment into an 8 room non-congregate shelter with 2-unit conversion office space and laundry room

- A place for the LPD Community Response Team to take homeless residents
 - **Office Space** for Operational Staff and on-site laundry room
 - **1 intake room** where ViewPoint clinician will provide a Psycho/Social assessment
 - Used for intake of a new participant and weekly case management/counseling services
 - **8 transitional units** for homeless residents who are in crisis to stay up to 90 days
 - Fulltime case management-VP/I46
 - Fulltime Program Director-I46
 - PT Clinical Director-VP
 - 24 hr. monitoring by the LPD

*Photo is from November 2023





F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Operations

- **Operations: To serve up to 150 homeless individuals a year with Wrap-around and Housing services**
 - Co-Responder team interviews the homeless man and completes a background check and mini-mental health/substance use assessment- Makes an FHC referral if applicable
 - Intake specialist reviews the application and processes the request, presents at the weekly FHC team meeting (LRC team, Co-responders, Clinician, and Program Evaluator)
 - Stays up to 89 days while re-qualifying every 30 days- required weekly case management meetings and counseling sessions, connections and referrals to wrap-around service providers
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Operations

Community Partners:

- Community Advisory Board: Consists of industry experts in mental health, housing stabilization, 2nd chance employment, criminal justice and 2 community members. Meets quarterly.
 - Wrap-around services:
 - Employment, Food, Transitional Housing Partners, Mental/Behavioral/Physical Health, Substance Abuse, transportation, medical care, etc.
 - All partners are within walking distance of the building or a short ride.
 - Impact Enrichment Center- Space used for enrichment activities, celebrations, job fairs, etc.
 - Welcome Bags: Community donations
 - Each participant will receive a bag that will include hygiene items, outreach flyers for services, and other essentials. Community members are encouraged to give and help welcome the men through these bags!
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Security and Safety

- **Safety for FHC program participants and Lawrenceville residents:**
 - 24 hour monitoring and security on the premises
 - 24 hour emergency dispatch viewing from the Lawrenceville Police Station
 - Police Patrolling the center
 - Key cards for each room with security cameras and 360 security view of the center
 - 2 FT and 1 PT staff on site to work with participants
 - Located less than a mile from the LPD police station and Fire Station
 - 3 man bike-patrol
 - Co-Responder Unit and LPD non-emergency line (option 3)
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center: Security and Safety

- **Safety for FHC program participants and Lawrenceville residents:**
 - Qualifications: All FHC Participants are homeless men who have a diagnosed mental health and/or substance use disorder; can stay up to 89 days but re-qualify every 30 days based on meeting the requirements of their case management and clinical treatment plans
 - We do not accept any male with the following:
 - Felony murder
 - Aggravated Assault
 - Sexual Offender
 - Arson
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F.I.R.S.T. Housing Center

Ribbon cutting- October 20, 2025





FHC Collaborative Team

Impact46

- Katrina Edwards, Director of Operations
 - Erika Pope, Programs Director
 - Lindsey Coleman, Case Manager
- Sashika Edwards, Intake and Utilities Specialist

LPD Coresponders

- Officer Mason Geer
- Meaghan Wynn, Clinician

ViewPoint Health

- Kirah Gayle, Clinician

GGC

- Dr. Lana McDowell, Program Evaluator
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6th Month Data:
January-July 2026

(Housing, Case
Management, Wrap-
around services, and
clinical services)

- **Housed 8 men**
 - **3 men are currently being housed since July**
 - Weekly case management appointments
 - As needed/requested counseling with VPH clinician
 - **2 men did not complete 90 days:**
 - 1 discharged for drug use- enrolled into a drug treatment facility after discharged
 - 1 struggled with his medication and left the premises voluntarily even though there was a housing referral
 - **1 completed 90 days, 2 found housing on their own**
 - FT Job, bought a car, leased an apartment
 - Met the conditions of their parole, medical treatment

DOJ Grant: October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026

*Data is first 3 quarters of the grant cycle

DOJ Grant Required Data	Q1 2025: October 1- December 31	Q2 2026: January 1- March 31	Q3 2026: April 1-June 30, 2026
# of individuals receiving mental illness or co-occurring identification or treatment services through referral agencies (Viewpoint)	0	1	2
# of individuals receiving a screening (Coresponders)	10	9	31
# of individuals who received a clinical assessment for mental illness or co-occurring disorders (Viewpoint)	0	1	2
# of individuals who were referred to treatment services, for the FHC program or referrals (Viewpoint)	0	1	2
# of individuals who received treatment services (Viewpoint)	0	1	2
Average number of days it takes for an individual to be receiving services after referral (Viewpoint)	N/A	7-14 days	7-10 days

Additional Data not required by DOJ:			
Average age of FHC referral	57	58	55
Average age of FHC participant	50	58	56
Average length of homelessness prior to the FHC (# of months)	1.5 months	6 months	24 months
# of counseling sessions	0	1	7
# of participants who attained employment	0	0	2
# of case management appointments	0	17	73
# of participant volunteer hours	0	0	160
# of calls for service to LPD (Specific to homeless men)	82	113	80
# of duplicated calls for service to LPD (same participant with multiple calls-count the calls)	53	67	37
# of follow-up calls by co-responders	65	54	40
# of community member volunteer hours at the FHC	60	0	66
Amount of in-kind donations	\$9,685.80	0	\$1,200.00



Opportunities for the future..

Program Opportunities:

1. There is the opportunity to extend the time participants are permitted to reside at the First Housing Center to allow for continued services to be provided, although legal barriers exist for participants to be served at the FHC for more than 89 days.
 2. There is an opportunity for the First Housing Center to partner with the warming station as a resource provider as well as other Lawrenceville-based helping organizations.
 3. There is the opportunity for implementation of a Lawrenceville Police Department tracking system of resources provided across the Department which has been developed by Captain Grove.
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